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RE: Office Action Summary, App. # 09/472,743

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Amendment to specifications:

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Page 4; Line 22, 23

Please delete entire paragraph

Please insert: -- Another object of the invention relating to the starweb design is to reduce the number of pieces, dye cuts, stitching and labor needed to construct the web
10 portion of the glove. --

Page 5; line 3

After the word "finger portion;" **please delete:** -- at least one interior finger compartment designed to accommodate at least one finger positioned within the outer shell; and an
15 interior thumb compartment designed to accommodate a thumb positioned within the outer shell where the angle between the interior thumb compartment and the nearest interior finger compartment is approximately 90 degrees.

20 Page 5; line 3

After the word "portion;" **please insert:** -- a mitten compartment that holds all four fingers, positioned and fixed upon or within the outer shell at an angle of plus or minus 40 degrees in relation to the upright "fingers" of the outer shell of the glove, and a thumb compartment that is rotated forward in a plus or minus 20 degree arc from the plane of
25 the finger portion of the mitten, and maintains a fixed angle between the thumb and index finger within said mitten of plus or minus 90 degrees. In addition, to accommodate the ergonomic alignment of the mitten portion, the entrance for the hand into

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the mitten compartment, on or within the glove must also align at the same plus or minus 40 degrees, from the upright "finger" portion of the glove. Within the mitten
5 compartment for the fingers and thumb, leather or other material, would form a strap that creates a loop where one or more fingers could be inserted within.

In a further embodiment of the invention, the mitten compartment for the fingers
10 could include segmented compartments within the mitten for one, two, or three fingers, or could be designed to hold all four fingers. --

Page 5, line 9,

Please delete: -- In accordance with another preferred embodiment of the present invention, a fielding glove comprises an outer shell with two finger slots, and a thumb
15 slot, with a web in the valley between the thumb and first finger, an interior mitten compartment that holds all four fingers, positioned and fixed within the outer shell at an angle of approximately 40 degrees in relation to the upright finger slots of the outer shell of the glove, and a fixed angle between the thumb and index finger position of the interior mitten of approximately 90 degrees.

20 In another embodiment, the fielding glove has a padded, flexible, contiguous extension of the palm heel of the aforementioned glove's outer shell that extends over the inside of the wrist. --

25 Page 5; line 19

After the words "flexible web" **please insert** --/pocket area, consisting of a web --

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Page 5; line 21

After the word "finger" **please insert** -- portion --

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After the word "shell" **please delete the period punctuation and insert:**

--, and a concave indentation molded or shaped into the finger portion of the outershell that represents the non web portion of the web/pocket area, in the same proportions as the
10 web portion of said web/pocket area, that conforms to the spherical shape and dimension of a baseball or softball, as desired. --

Page 5; line 22

Please insert the following paragraph, ahead of the paragraph currently occupying line
15 22: -- In yet a further embodiment, the fielding glove has a star shaped web, made with a central hollow ring of an appropriate material, with a diameter such to prevent the passage of a ball completely through the ring. Each leg of the starweb, is a single strap of material that is passed through and folded back over the ring, both ends of the single strap then attach to the outer edges of the valley between the thumb and finger portions, and
20 the span of material that bridges the top of the valley between the thumb and finger portion, to form the legs of the star shaped web. --

Page 7; line 10

After the word "Figure" **please delete:** -- 2 --

25 After the word "Figure" **please insert:** -- 1 --

Page 8; line 14

After the word "within" **please insert:** -- or upon --

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After the word "the" **please delete:** -- outershell 17 --

After the word "the" **please insert:** -- second finger portion 10 --

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Page 8; Line 15

please delete: -- conventional --

please insert: -- prior --

After the word "The" **please delete:** -- number of --

10 After the word "The" **please insert:** -- typical --

After the second word "of" **please delete:** -- the --

After the word "of" **please insert:** -- prior --

Page 8; line 16

15 After the word "been" **please delete:** -- reduced --

After the word "been" **please insert:** --replaced by a finger portion or portions --

After the word "embodiment" **please delete:** -- is --

After the word "embodiment" **please insert:** -- shows two finger portions 10, 11 aligned next to each other. The finger portion adjacent to the web 15, comprises along with the

20 web, the web/pocket area 20 of the glove. --

Page 8; line 17

After the word "inside" **please insert:** -- or surface mounted upon, --

25 Page 8; line 18

Before the word "fingers" **please delete:** -- the --

Before the word "fingers" **please insert:** -- all four --

After the word "fingers" **please insert:** -- 17 --

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After the word "is" **please insert:** -- ideally --

After the word "of" **please insert:** -- plus or minus --

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Page 8; line 19

After the word "finger" **please delete:** -- slots --

After the word "finger" **please insert:** -- portions --

10 Page 8; line 20

After the word "positioned" **please delete:** -- inside the outer glove, within --

Page 8; line 22

Before the word "90" **please delete:** -- approximately --

15 Before the word "90" **please insert:** -- plus or minus --

After the word "degrees" **please insert:** -- , with the thumb rotated forward in an arc of plus or minus 20 degrees from the plane of the hand. --

Page 9; line 1

20 After the word "outer" **please delete:** -- shell --

After the word "outer" **please insert:** -- shell's --

After the word "finger" **please insert:** -- edge --

Page 9; line 9

25 After the word "to" **please delete:** -- approximately --

After the word "to" **please insert:** -- plus or minus --

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Page 9; line 10

After the word "mitten," **please insert:** -- the realignment of the entire hand within the
5 mitten compartment 16 at a plus or minus 40 degree angle to the upright finger portions, -

Page 9; line 13

After the word "hand" **please insert:** -- from a hit or thrown ball. -

10 Page 9; line 17

Before the word "30%" **please delete:** -- approximately -

Before the word "30%" **please insert:** -- plus or minus -

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15 Page 9; line 21

After the word "billowing" **please delete:** -- web -

After the word "billowing" **please insert:** -- web/pocket area -

Page 9; line 22

20 After the word "central" **please delete:** -- disk 14 and strands that-

After the word "central" **please insert:** ring of leather or other suitable material 14, said
ring located in the approximate center of the web 15. Attached to the ring, by any suitable
means are strands of leather or other material, of a proper width and spaced apart radially,
so that no opening between the strands would allow a hit or thrown ball to escape through

25 the opening and -

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Page 9; line 23

After the word "finger" **please insert:** -- portion. The strands are attached to the edges of
5 the thumb and finger portions of the glove by stitching or appropriate means. --

After the word "has" **please delete:** -- s --

Page 10; line 1

After the word "finger" **please insert:** -- portion --

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Page 10; line 2

After the word "domain." **please insert:** -- By removing the first finger portion 11 from
the outershell glove Figure 1, the star or other web could be expanded proportionally to
fill the larger opening made by the removal of the first finger portion to span the entire
15 web/pocket area 20, without altering the intent of the star web invention. --

Page 10; line 3

After the word "The." **please delete:** -- billowing --

After the word "The." **please insert:** -- netting effect --

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Page 10; line 4

After the word "material." **please delete:** -- slightly larger than the space within the plane
between the first finger of the outer shell and the thumb. --

25 After the word "material." **please insert:** -- whose radial dimensions exceed the surface
area between the space created by the valley between the first finger portion and thumb
portion of the outershell, in sufficient proportion to allow the flexibility in the web

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material to have less resilience to spring back upon impact by a ball, and lessening the forces which may cause the ball to ricochet off the web and out of the glove. --

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Page 10; line 7

Before the word "being." **please delete:** -- web --

Before the word "being." **please insert:** -- star --

10 Page 10; line 8

After the word "the." **please delete:** -- donut --

After the word "the." **please insert:** -- ring --

Page 10; line 9

15 After the word "pattern." **please insert:** -- The legs of the star are attached to the finger portion, thumb portion, and bridge span, where they intersect, by leather chords or other suitable material. --

Page 10; line 10

20 Start new paragraph, **please insert:** -- The first finger portion 11, when utilized as in this embodiment as a part of the web/pocket area, is designed, to omit any portion of the fingers or hand from that finger portion, and to consequently billow and flex upon the impact of a ball. In this embodiment, the first finger portion 11 can be made of a flexible material that will absorb to a certain extent, the energy of the impact of a ball and reduce
25 it's tendency to ricochet out of the glove, according to the same principles and in cooperation with those employed by the starweb 15.

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As well the first finger portion 11, could be a molded piece, as depicted in Figure 1, using standard material molding techniques, that concaves towards the back of the glove in the approximate proportions of the ball for which the glove is intended to be used. This concave curvature in the flexible material of the first finger portion 11, also serves to redirect and disperse the energy created by the impact of a ball within the web/pocket area. --

Page 10; lines 10 – 15 , **please delete entire paragraph**

Page 14; line 2

After the words "finger portion;" **please delete:** -- at least one interior finger compartment designed to accommodate at least one finger positioned within the outer shell; and an interior thumb compartment designed to accommodate a thumb positioned within the outer shell where the angle between the interior thumb compartment and the nearest interior finger compartment is approximately 90 degrees. The interior finger compartment may be designed to accommodate all four fingers and the outer shell has two finger portions. There is also wrist protection provided. --

Page 14; line 2

After the words "finger portion;" **please insert:** -- a mitten compartment that holds all four fingers, positioned and fixed upon or within the outer shell at an angle of plus or minus 40 degrees in relation to the upright "fingers" of the outer shell of the glove, and a thumb compartment that is rotated forward in a plus or minus 20 degree arc from the plane of the finger portion of the mitten, and maintains a fixed angle between the thumb

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and index finger within said mitten of plus or minus 90 degrees. In addition, to
accommodate the ergonomic alignment of the mitten portion, the entrance for the hand
5 into the mitten compartment, on or within the glove must also align at the same plus or
minus 40 degrees, from the upright "finger" portion of the glove. Within the mitten
compartment for the fingers and thumb, leather or other material, would form a strap that
creates a loop where one or more fingers could be inserted within. As well there is a
web/pocket area within the overall dimensions of the glove that has an expanded area
10 where the hand will not be impacted by a hit or thrown ball. A section of the finger
portion of the outersell glove, adjacent to the web is molded and shaped to conform to the
spherical dimensions of a particular ball for which the glove will be used. There is also
provided a flexible web with a hollow ring in the center of the web area, with straps of
material that radiate out from the ring to the edges of the finger and thumb portion and to
15 a span of material that spans the finger and thumb portion.